

**MINUTES OF THE
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE
OCTOBER 2, 2012**

Members Present

Bob Davis, Chair
Bob Mays
Kay Brandon
Tony Davies
Mark Taylor
Vic Nussbaum
Alyson Best

Staff Present

Nancy Lindemeyer
Gail Hay

Also in attendance was Councilwoman Nancy Vaughan.

The Waste Management and Recycling Task Force met on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, commencing at 3:05 p.m.

Chair Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 MINUTES:

Ms. Brandon moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Mays. The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

In preparation for the October 16th Task Force meeting, members discussed the structure of the final report to City Council and how the recycling, waste-to-energy, and disposal components should fit together.

Mr. Nussbaum felt that the charge of the Task Force should briefly be restated at the beginning of the final report, as it was in the Interim Report.

Mr. Taylor distributed and reviewed the draft report from the Disposal Subcommittee that included a discussion on waste-to-energy. Mr. Nussbaum recommended that a definition of waste-to-energy be included in the final report to aid the reader.

Mr. Taylor described several of his resources and reviewed sections in the Disposal Subcommittee Report on waste conversion and current technologies.

Members discussed the use of a Request for Qualification (RFQ) versus a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find qualified expert opinion to determine the best way to use the methane resource in Greensboro. Mr. Nussbaum stated that Greensboro currently has the largest methane reserve in North Carolina that is not being tapped for energy production.

The three subcommittee reports will be put into one final report with a list of strategies. Mr. Mays suggested that the list of strategies should precede the reports in the final document to aid the focus of

the reader. Mr. Taylor agreed and felt the Executive Summary should be the first item in the final document, followed by the strategies and then the reports as attachments.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Davies plan to collaborate in constructing the report. Mr. Taylor requested that the Recycling Subcommittee and the Waste-to-Energy Subcommittee send their recommendations for strategies to be incorporated into a comprehensive list. The list should be sent in time to allow a final document to be ready before the October 16th Task Force meeting.

Mr. Mays felt that it would be important to have Mr. Wyrick and staff look at the strategies submitted by the subcommittees and give their comments. He proposed that all comments and/or changes are submitted to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Davies by the end of the week to allow them sufficient time to prepare the final document.

Chair Davis asked if the Waste-to-Energy Subcommittee plans to give a specific recommendation regarding the use of methane. Mr. Mays replied that a specific recommendation will not be given. He said there are several things that can be done with the methane but there are limiting factors; therefore, the matter of RFQ versus RFP is being suggested for Mr. Wyrick to pursue with City Council. If City Council chooses to proceed with RFQ, the document is already written and in the hands of staff. The Waste-to-Energy Subcommittee has volunteered to participate in the RFQ process. He added that Mr. Davies should address the strategy in terms of the RFQ when constructing the final report.

Mr. Nussbaum felt that it should be recommended in the report that the methane resource should not be given away for free due to its value. He felt the details of the process would be fleshed out by the RFQ.

Members discussed the concept of a standing Waste Strategies Commission approach. It was suggested that the concept be mentioned in the Executive Summary or presented as a strategy that highlights the many benefits.

Ms. Brandon stated that Waste Commissions have already been established in larger cities and counties in North Carolina.

Chair Davis stated that the final report to City Council will be presented by Ms. Best and Mr. Davies. He summarized and asked members to email all comments regarding the report prior to next Tuesday, October 9th, to allow Mr. Davies and Mr. Taylor time to construct the report. A preliminary run-through of the final presentation will take place at the October 16th Task Force meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mays moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Davies. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further discussions before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Davis, Chair

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